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Final Four Championship Series

MARCONI vs SYDNEY CITY

Sunday, 21st October, 1979

MARCONI STADIUM - KICK-OFF 3.00PM

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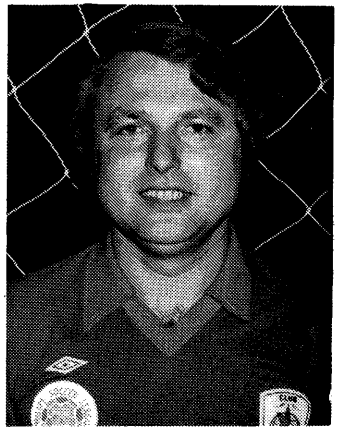
EDITORIAL: The Coach Comments

by LES SCHEINFLUG



As we enter the last round of the top 4 play-offs, Marconi find themselves in a relatively "tight" situation with a place in the Grand Final depending on the result of today's game.

The match against Heidelberg was a great result for Marconi - taking into consideration that we were beaten in both competition rounds by this team. The players were "geared" up for a top performance and a top class performance they turned in. My compliments not only to the players but also to our wonderful supporters for their fine contribution.

At Perry Park, Brisbane, last Sunday, Marconi ran into Brisbane City at their best. Brisbane City took the initiative from the start and never let up. Two defensive errors cost us 2 goals and the game, and left us to fight for a place in the Grand Final. All credit to Brisbane City ... they are always a difficult team to beat at home.

Today Marconi extends a warm welcome to the Management of Sydney City, Mr. Frank Lowey, Mr. Andrew Lederer, their Coach, Mr. Gerry Chaldi, and all the Sydney City players. With so much at stake and the amount of talented players in both teams, I am sure we will see a classic football match.

Marconi has a slight advantage and that is we are at home in front of our supporters, who always give us their best ... which in a game of this nature is so important.

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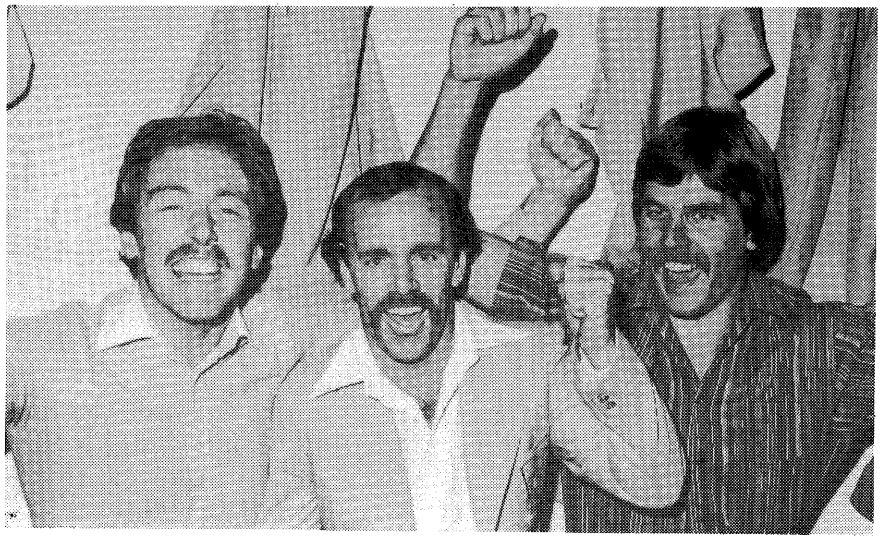

SYDNEY CITY

BACK ROW: Gerry CHALDI (Coach), Silva MARCOS, Fonseca MOZART, Tony PEZZANO, Borges NELIO, Ian BRUCE, Harry LAKMAKER (Secretary).

MIDDLE ROW: Jimmy WEBBER, Murray BARNES, Eddie THOMSON, Kevin MULLEN, Hilton SILVA, Alan KERSHAW, Terry SMITH, Mark TRENTER.

FRONT ROW: Steve O'CONNOR, Ernie CAMPBELL, Joe WATSON, Henry MOWBRAY, John STEVENSON, Ian SOUNESS, Luis DE MELO, Bob YOUSPH.

ABSENT: Todd CLARK.

Nobody would argue that today's match against Sydney City is one of the most important of the year in the Philips Soccer League.

Sydney City stands for all that is best in the code in this country. It is almost impossible to recall when City, or as it was previously known Hakoah Eastern Suburbs, had a bad year.

Success breeds success but Sydney City's magnificent achievements over the past 20 years are the result of professional administration, inspired coaching and top class playing talent.

Gerry Chaldi, voted "Coach of the Year" in 1978 by the Australian Soccer Press Association, is a wily character who rarely puts a foot wrong in his demanding job. Quietly-spoken and never a man to hog the headlines, he is, despite this, one of the dominant coaches of Australian Soccer. Now meet the Sydney City players:—

TODD CLARKE: (goalkeeper). One of the best in Australia, as his 35 appearances for the national team indicates. Born in Adelaide, he works as a sales representative for Sport Fashion, the company owned by Hakoah director Howard Lowe. Age 27.

IAN BRUCE: (full-back). Arrived only this year from Scotland and immediately won a permanent first team place. Age 23. Born in Aberdeen and recommended to Sydney City by team captain Eddie Thomson.

STEVE O'CONNOR: (defender). Born in Sydney, this powerful defender has reached the top this year after several years on the fringe. Age 24 and a P.E. teacher, he is on the short list for Australia's World Cup squad.

EDDIE THOMSON: (defender). As team captain and marshall of the defence, Thomson is a most important City player. Represented Scotland at Under 23 level. Aberdeen was his former club. Age 31.

ALAN KERSHAW: (full-back). Englishman who joined City in 1977 but has had some difficulty winning first XI spot. At one time the club was ready to sell him but Kershaw has been in good form in recent games. Age 24.

IAN SOUNESS: (midfield or defence). One of the most talented youngsters to arrive in Australia, Souness served his Soccer apprenticeship with London club, Chelsea. Strong claims for a World Cup place if he can be naturalised. Only 20, Souness was the Soccer Press Association's "Young Player of the Year" in 1978.

JOHN STEVENSON: (midfield). Another import from Scotland, Stevenson is highly regarded by national coach Rudi Gutendorf who selected him recently for State and international matches. Age 25. Powerful player who likes to try to get his name on the score sheet by coming forward.

MURRAY BARNES: (midfield). This big man played his 100th competition game for City last Sunday. Joined the club at 16, nine years ago. Has played in 12 "A" internationals for Australia. Good in the air and has a lethal shot.

ERNIE CAMPBELL: (midfield). An old Marconi favourite who, surprisingly, is struggling for a regular first team place now. Age 29, born in Sydney, Campbell has played 15 times for Australia in international matches.

JOE WATSON: (winger). Ball control is the strong suit of this skilful little Scot who was born in St. Andrews.....the home of golf. Now virtually forcing his way into Australia's national team, Watson, at 27, is a key performer for both club and country.

HILTON SILVA: (winger). For several years, this artistic Brazilian has been one of the stars of Australian Soccer, although he has not been at his best this season. That is probably due to nagging injuries which restricted his first team appearances. Joined the club in 1971.

TERRY SMITH: (centre-forward). An Englishman of undoubted skill, Smith is an outstanding goal poacher. Has been criticised for lack of aggression but is always a handful for opposing defences. Came to Australia from Stoke City in the English Potteries and, naturally enough, works for Josia Wedgewood the pottery company. Age 27.

KEVIN MULLEN: (full-back). The boy from Bankstown who has earned a reputation as one of the toughest tacklers in the PSL. Lost his first XI position this year, but at 26 is young enough to bounce back. Has been tipped for a World Cup place.

MARK TRENTER: (defender). Although Trenter is regarded as a defender, he can perform with distinction the forward line or in midfield ..... a genuine utility player. Born in Bridgend, Wales, Trenter is only 21. Played for West Bromwich Albion in England before coming to Australia. Welsh Youth cap.

NELIO BORGES: (forward). Played in last Sunday's vital PSL match against St. George but had to come off injured early on. One of three young Brazilians who joined City this year, Nelio is 21. His best achievement was a hat trick in a Philips Cup match against Auburn.

TONY PEZZANO: (goalkeeper). Though only 18, this young goalie has already packed in plenty of experience in representative football, having toured the U.S.A. with Australia's Schoolboy team last year. Played several first XI games for Sydney City while Todd Clarke was injured. A student.

GERARDO GOMEZ: (defence). This young player from Costa Rica migrated to Australia only three years ago at the age of 18 years. Gerardo previously played for the Bondi Marines in their local competition at the age of 16 years. Gerardo joined Sydney City early last year.

MARCOS SILVA: (mid-fielder). Joining Sydney City only this year, Marcos is a very highly skilled mid-fielder with lots of potential and at the age of only 21 years it would be wise to keep an eye on him. Marcos comes from Brazil and is no relation to Hilton Silva.

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Marconi Supporters at "home"

MARCONI

1. ALLAN MAHER
2. PETER BROGAN
3. PAUL DEGNEY
4. JOHN RUSSELL
5. IVO PRSKALO (Capt.)
6. TONY HENDERSON
7. GARY BYRNE
8. ROBERTO VIERI
9. MARK JANKOVICS
10. BERTI MARIANI
11. PETER SHARNE
12. EDDIE KRNCEVIC
13. STEWART SELVAGE
14. KEN LINDSAY
15. BARRY JONES
16. MIKE BERRY
20. ALAN RYDER

COACH: LES SCHEINFLUG

SYDNEY CITY

1. TODD CLARKE
2. KEVIN MULLEN
3. EDDIE THOMSON
4. STEVE O'CONNOR
6. JOHN STEVENSON
7. JOE WATSON
8. MURRAY BARNES
9. ERNIE CAMPBELL
10. TERRY SMITH
11. HILTON SILVA
12. IAN BRUCE
13. ALAN KERSHAW
14. GERARDO GOMEZ
15. MARCOS SILVA
16. NELIO BORGES
17. MARK TRENTER
18. IAN SOUNESS
19. JIM PATIKAS
20. TONY PEZZANO

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